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I am a nurse. I bought my house on Whidbey Island six years ago. Since then, Ferry fares have increased approx. 35%...The State of Washington just passed a 5-cent per gallon gas tax to help keep Washinton State Ferries in the black...I work full-time and could not be held up by long lines of Whidbey Islanders waiting to get searched...Your proposed rule is going to cause a revolt...We use the ferry system as a State Highway, not a pleasure boat...There are many ramifications of these proposed rules that you have not yet thought thru....Goods and services going to and from Whidbey Island and the other islands would either stop or impose steep increases to cover the time and inconvenience of massive ferry lines...We already have three-boat waits on the Mukilteo-Clinton run...That will look like a walk in the park if you start checking everybodys bags like an airport...The city of Mukilteo could not handle the back-up of cars thru intersections and onto the speedway...Boeing workers could not get to work...they have to catch the #25 bus when the boat docks in Mukilteo and they have to make that connection...You really should exempt Washington State Ferries and concentrate on more strategic terrorist targets like the Port of Seattle or the port in Everett where the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln calls home...Last year, there was a lock-out for two weeks of the dock workers down at the Port of Seattle, and you should have seen the back-up of cargo ships in Elliott Bay...If a terrorist wanted to inflict a dramatic effect on our economy, that would be the place, because they could sink a couple cargo ships and block the port...Nothing would enter the west coast of the United States...Our ferry system on the other hand does not pose such a significant threat...